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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I do not think what the hon. Member says is correct. But I presume that they are also taking their chance along with the other contractors and perhaps their rates may not compare favourably. We will try to encourage such workers' societies as far as possible, provided that their rates and conditions are also reasonable. I shall have this impressed on the Engineers and see that they are encouraged."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have allowed enough time for this question. We shall pass on to the next question."

Steel plant with Soviet aid

* 1686 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Madras Government have approached the Government of India for the establishment in this State of a Steel Plant proposed to be re-established by the Government of India with the aid of the Soviet Union? 9-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government of India were addressed for the establishment of a steel plant in this State. But it was not with any special reference to any steel plant which might possibly be put up with the aid of the Soviet Union."

Arrears of sales tax due from traders in Agra

* 1687 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are arrears of sales tax due to the State Government from some traders who are in Agra; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken to recover the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Sri Gupta Trading Company, Matur Glass Works, Ferozabad, Agra, assessees on the file of the Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, Peddunaickenpet, Madras, are in arrears of sales tax to this State Government as follows :—

1952–53	Rs. 51–10–6.
1953–54	Rs. 34–1–5.

No other dealer in Agra is in arrears of sales tax.

" (*b*) The Commercial Tax Officer, North Madras, has addressed the Collector of Madras for the issue of a certificate under the Revenue Recovery Act for addressing the Uttar Pradesh Government for the collection of the arrears."